

# Acalanes Blueprint

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## Calendar

- April 30 Mardi Gras  
FAL Swimming trials
- May 1 Golf at Piedmont
- May 4 Nomination Assembly  
Tennis here—Piedmont  
JV Baseball here vs.  
Piedmont  
Varsity Baseball at  
Piedmont
- May 5 Mother Daughter Tea  
and Fashion Show  
Track at Del Valle  
Swimming at San  
Ramon
- May 6 J.V. Baseball at Las  
Lomas

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Jack Perella, a 1961 Acalanes graduate, has been selected as a member of the Debate Team at the University of California.

Results of A.F.S. elections — President - Jackie Rosenbaum; Secretary-Holly Meyer; Treasurer-Anne Jeffrey; Program Chairman-Laura Fogg; Publicity Chairman-Janice Mossetto.

The Acalanes Band and Orchestra both received superior ratings at the San Rafael music festival this year. (See page 3.)

Virginia Deuschle, Jeff Hall, Bruce Neighbor, and Don Querio have been chosen as this year's Bank of America Award winners.

Bruce Shepard took a second place in a speech contest held at D.V.C.

Kacy Cook has been chosen as this year's representative to Girls' State.

Dan Boyle has been chosen as this year's representative to Boy's State.

The senior class's gift this year will be an outdoor music system.

The annual Mother Daughter Tea this year will be presented on Wednesday, May 5th, at 1:45 in the old gym. Beki Chamberlain, Vice-President of Girls' League, will be the narrator for the fashion show. Models from Mrs. Frazier's clothing classes will be featured. Lynn Spencer, President of Girls' League, is in charge of the decorations for the tea. The theme for this year is going to be "Through the Looking Glass." Refreshments will be served in the lunchroom at the conclusion of the fashion show.



Mr. Robert Wilde was really thrilled when he received his government grant.

## Mr. Wilde Receives Government Grant; To Tour Ethiopia

Congratulations should be extended to Mr. Robert Wilde, American Government instructor, since he has been selected to receive a government grant for an all-expense paid summer trip to Ethiopia. There he will study East-African economics and politics at the University of Hailei Salassie I in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

Mr. Wilde will leave shortly after school ends for three days in Washington, D. C., where he will attend an orientation meeting with other teachers selected to go on the seminar. He will then take a jet to Africa. In addition to his studies at the University, Mr. Wilde will tour Kenya and the U.A.R. where he will meet businessmen, officials, and local groups. He also has "high hopes" of visiting such places as Lake Victoria, one of the main sources of the Nile, Murchison Falls, and the renowned Aswan Dam.

When Mr. Wilde returns in late August he will submit a report to the school board and he plans to address local groups who are interested in policies in East Africa and who wish to hear any comments about his trip.

## OUR 25 TH

## ANNIVERSARY!!

All Acalanes graduates are invited to the 25th Anniversary Reception to be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the new Acalanes gym.

Sally Hunter, chairman of entertainment, has arranged for guest speakers, including Mr. Stanley Walgren, Acalanes High School principal, and Dick Lee, student body vice president. The Acalanes Concert Choir and Acappella will sing.

Sue Fee, refreshment chairman, has planned cookies, donuts, punch, and coffee as refreshments.

All alumni are invited to attend the Mardi Gras after the reception.

Leslie Grant is the head chairman of the planning with Sue, Sally, and Tom Fitzsimmons, publicity chairman, helping her.

Tom's job includes contacting all of the past graduates. Helping him are, Ginny Deuschle, radio; Nancy Harter and Debbie Morrison, posters and programs; Paul Sanders, newspaper; and Don Ormsbee and Kelly Wisner, post cards.

## 'RIGHTS' SESSION — DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Seven Acalanes students attended the recent high school Human Rights Conference at Asilomar. This conference, open to all high school students in the United States, was held April 12 through 15. The 550 students that were there included Lucy Bartholomew, Terry Knox, Renee Malloy, Ward Malloy, Assif Sarabi, Dana Snider, and Kelly Wisner.

The purpose of this conference entitled "A Generation of Hope" was to enlighten students to the real problems and ways to combat them. The four days included recreation, small group discussions, and a general session, not to mention good meals. At the general session there were two speakers, Dr. Noel Brown, undersecretary to the UN, spoke on "Human Rights in a Changing World." John D. Rockefeller IV, the other distinguished speaker, spoke on "Poverty in the United States."

## New German Club; All Officers Elected

Under the advisory of Mr. Garland Snodgrass, a German club has been formed in an effort to enhance and further the interest of German students here at Acalanes. The purpose in organizing the German Club is to allow its members a better chance to learn about the Germanic peoples and their customs as well as a chance to better their German speaking ability.



Representative cross-section of the student body preparing for the gala Mardi Gras tonight.

# Gala Mardi Gras- Everyone Come!

Tonight's the night! Under the able direction of Carol Esser, many students have been diligently preparing for the Mardi Gras which will take place tonight from eight to midnight. Highlights of the evening include a beard-growing contest for boys who have signed up a week in advance with Mr. Stevens, and a hairy legs contest. There will also be contests for the best girl's and the best boy's costumes. It's hoped that the old spirit of the Mardi Gras will return bring with it original costumes, costumes will mean forty-five cent reduction in price for admission.

Each class and club will have its own booth established in the gym. Booths of skill involve the A.F.S. bean bag toss, the Acadonna penny pitch, the rally poker-dart game, the senior class jello throw, the Los Amigos volleyball throw, the Spanish Honorary ballon shave, the freshman class ring toss, the Medical Club dart throw, the C.S.F. coke bottle fish, the Aklan turtle race, and junior class golf. Skill will be prompted by a soft drinks and hof brau stand run by the German Club, snow cones sold by Acalanes Statesmen, popcorn by G.A.A., and delicious cotton candy sold by the Blueprint staff. The last has not been seen of senior suckers either. Other booths include the Dramadon's fortune telling booth and the sophomore class marriage booth. At ten o'clock the booths close and the door prize drawings begin. Excellent prizes are being offered by each booth. The freshmen class is offering a five dollar gift certificate at Freddie's the sophomore class a five dollar gift certificate at Baskin Robbin's, the junior class two tickets to "The Committee," and the senior class is offering five dollars cash. The rally committee prize is a transistor radio, the prize from the Blueprint staff is a financed date which includes two tickets to the "Fantasticks", gas, and pizza at Freddie's. Block A is offering a five dollar gift certificate at Grodin's, C.S.F. two tickets to "The Sound of Music", the Aklan staff a five dollar gift certificate at Baskin-Robbin's, A.F.S. is offering two dinners at El Charro's, the prize from Los Amigos is two albums. Spanish honorary is offering two tickets to a Giant's game; Acalanes Statesmen a five dollar gift certificate at Grodin's; Aca-donnas a five dollar gift certificate at Capwell's; the education a five dollar gift certificate at Campana's; Dramadons five dollars at Campana's, the German club five dollars at McCallous, and G.A.A. is offering tickets to the Giant's game.

After the booths close a dance to the theme of "Carousel" will be held in the lunchroom.

## Meixcan Tour Rewarding; Dons Delighted, Fascinated

The student tour of Mexico, from April 9 to April 16, was a great success, to the delight of the students and Miss Sifuentes. The tour included such fascinating cities as Mexico City, Taxco, Guadalajara, and Puerto Vallarta.

To begin their plane trip, the group from Acalanes arrived at Mexico City, where they visited the famed Palace of Chapultepec, the massive Cathedral, and the Tocalo, (Main Plaza). Also explored were other points of interest, modern and historic. The students attended the exciting Bull Fights and found the famous performance of the "Ballet Folklorico" to be a rewarding event. This was the world-renowned performance of the typical native dances of the Mexican people, including the dreamy "Wedding in Tehuantepec" and "Christmas in Jalisco." The group was guided along a scenic route to the quaint Indian village of Taxco—one of the most picturesque of Mexican towns. The group was led over the winding cobblestone streets through the colonial atmosphere of the charming hillside village. On arrival to Guadalajara they discovered the semi-tropical city to be in full bloom. They wandered through flower-filled parks and plazas, viewing the impressive colonial architecture and stylish mansions. A great variety of native handy crafts are found in the markets; leather goods, baskets, serapes, hats and earthen ware.

Miss Sifuentes feels that the trip was a tremendous experience for the students and hopes many will sign up for the tour next year.



## THIS IS ACALANES

By JOYCE COTTRELL and BECKY McKEE

Now that Easter vacation got you all back on your feet, it's time to work on getting into that depressed mood again. It's easier than you think to get back in the old slump. But, before you start to concentrate on that, let's revive those memories of vacation.

Everyone was going away from our little town, which is understandable. Carmel was quite the place to be. **Mark Jan Lois** and **Richard Lee** had an exceptionally good time. Some of **Bob Stoop's** fans were fighting over him while **Julie Smith** refereed. **Lucy Bartholomew** stopped off in Santa Cruz on the way home to get her ears pierced. **Patty Butler**, **Jackie Caddel**, **Jennifer Taft** and many others found reasons to return next year. **Brooks Boyer**, **Connie Beadle**, **Penny Prentice** and **Linda Vernazza** hopped over to Hawaii for a tan while **Sue Spragans** found one closer to home in Palm Springs. **Pat Sibely** and **Caryl Stevens** had quite a bit of trouble from those boys in Mexico. You were just too much for them, huh girls? **Katie Lee**, **Kathy Okerstrom**, and some of their more illustrious friends, were so anxious to get to the beach that they pushed the car, which was low on gas, over the mountain to Stinson only to find that it was raining.

Here at home some activity has been taking place, too. **Tom Fitzsimmons** has been giving flowers to girls on their birthdays, namely **Sandy Sherman** and **Judy Stensgaard**. Maybe he's starting something. We hear that **Mark Cheney**, **Frank Cunningham**, **Steve Mercier**, **Wayne Wilkinson**, and the rest of the graceful group have taken up ice-skating. **Susie Fee**, what's this about a cellophane dress? Just so it has a high collar and comes below your knees. **Doug Leonard** seems to enjoy falling off the cliffs at the Cliff House while **Jack Jay** gets his kicks writing dictionary words. **Kacy Cook**, would you care to tell us all about your little sailing trip or are you still a little shaky? Then there are those of us, such as **Mary Roberts** who still haven't quite made it home with the old report card. That beard-growing contest for the Mardi Gras is going to be pretty competitive judging by the early starters. **Dale Windes** is well on his way to first place. Flash! In case anybody is interested, the hang out for the junior girls has changed from Bear Creek Road and the pigs to Nortonville and the caves. Nobody's interested.

Down in the lower quarters there's been some excitement. **John Finch** had quite a party a little while ago, complete with some unexpected guests from the friendly family pool hall. **Sally Dreyer** and **Gail Mefford** have discovered cigars. That's right girls, skip the small stuff. **Brynn Christensen** and **Janis Peterson** have taken up the guitar. Hey **Susie Salmon**, who's that boy you keep staring at on the lawn at noon?

Acalanes is about due for the annual epidemic of spring fever, lethargy, and an increase in senioritis. Elections are coming up, too, so keep your eyes open and prepare for, what can collectively be called, unexpected disturbances.

## SENIOR PROFILES

A member of A Capella and an active pom pon girl, **Carol Nuoffer** is one of the most ardent promoters of school spirit in Acalanes. Carol has the ideal personality to spread spirit as it is easy to get to know her. Carol suggests a "spirit week" would be a great asset in furthering the spirit of Acalanes students. Class competition, during this week before major sport seasons, in cheers and

**Paul Sanders** is not an uncommon figure around Acalanes. Most people recognize him as the boy who carries the camera and is forever snapping pictures of different things.

This is true, because Paul is an important member of the Aklan staff. His main jobs are those of photographer and proof reader. He enjoys working on the Aklan, but declares that it takes more



crazy fads, would promote more interest and enthusiasm in the games. Carol does feel, however, that Acalanes spirit is on the rise through the efforts of the pep club during the past basketball season.

Besides promoting school spirit, Carol is ambitious in her music and academic subjects. A member of A Capella, she participated in the operetta and really enjoys singing. She started singing in her church choir and took several years of piano. Music, however, is not what Carol plans as a career. She would like to become an elementary school teacher after attending DVC and prob-

ably San Jose State. Meanwhile, Carol is immersed in high school subjects and activities. She enjoys physiology especially when it comes to dissecting pigs. Carol and her assistant grew affectionate toward theirs and christened it Mattered after three senior boys.

Outside of school, Carol likes looking at new houses and used cars. She also likes clothes, the Kingston Trio, swimming, and Sausalito ("It has atmosphere").

Carol is looking forward to graduation, but she likes the feeling of security high school offers and fears she will miss it.

of his time than any other subject. He's also official photographer for the "Heap of the Month" column. Rally is Paul's favorite activity. He was a fall member and enjoyed it tremendously.

Paul is looking forward with much zeal to college. He has been accepted at the University of California at Berkeley and intends to take either a pre-med or English course. He prefers pre-med, though.

Paul is a transfer from New York, where he lived for over 15 years and went to school through his sophomore year. When asked which he prefers, New York or California, he said that he disliked drawing comparisons. Partly, he says, because he's asked himself the same question for the two years he's been here and hasn't, as yet, come to a conclusion.

His extracurricular activities are somewhat shadowed from explanation. He is the patriotic president of the I.H.M. club and vice-president of the C.F.T.D.O.-T.G.

Paul likes basketball, baseball, physics, American history and American government, photography and lasagna.

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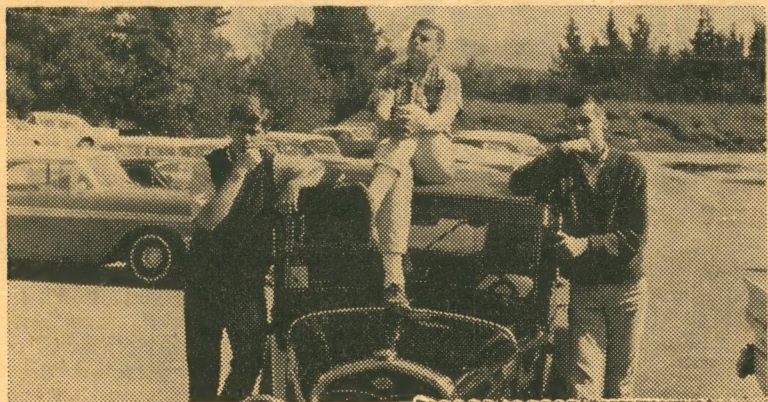
# Great 25th Anniversary

## MARDI GRAS

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## HEAP OF THE MONTH

Social Commentary by John P. Merrill

As has been the case for as long as any of us care to remember, tradition took precedence during Spring vacation, and once again a goodly number of the ravishing young things that decorated our campus were off to Carmel on their annual treasure hunt. Naturally our dear automotive editor, who has a habit of rising to every occasion (when he should usually keep his seat), set about at once to find the proper vehicle in which to attend and chronicle the forthcoming event.

The vehicle honored by our beloved automotive editor's decision was one of corporate ownership, namely the **Tongue-in-Cheek**. Its sleek lines and reserve power adapt it suitably to its function as official workhorse for the **Committee for the Display of the Goods**. The **Committee**, a civic minded group dedicated to investigation of the intrigues of subversive girls clubs at Acalanes (and incidentally the erstwhile **Anti-Sorority League**), was chosen to take their **Tongue-in-Cheek** to Carmel and find out just what the girls were up to. A spokesman for the groups, upon learning of the **Committee's** scheme, made a statement to the effect that the girls' work would be confined to strictly charitable activities. Some mention was made of hospitals for children and homes for this and that, but to most of the incredulous crew who comprise the **Committee**, it sounded just like the same old story. The illusions of what few fans the groups had were quickly shattered, as we soon realized that the girls would accomplish no more than picking a few daphnes. Such allegories are admittedly tiresome, but are necessitated by an equally tedious policy which the members of the **Committee** (a rather well-bred bunch) adhere to with undying loyalty.

Once on the track in Carmel, the **Committee** was shocked to discover that their deepest fears were well founded. Most of the girls were engaging in the hunt-and-for-charity. The logic behind this method, as explained by one of the unquestionably efficient chaperones, was simply that most of the girls are charity cases.

This unfortunate circumstance was realized by the **Committee** as they toured the Carmel area at dusk in the **Tongue-in-Cheek**. The evidence was found walking up and down Main Street in twos and threes, and seemed to point out the fact that the girls were hunting for a treasure whose value exists only in the eye of the beholder.

## Musicians Bring Home Highest Honors — Again!

For the third consecutive year, the Acalanes Band and Orchestra gained high honors at the annual California Music Educators' Association (CMEA) Band and Orchestra Festival, held this year at San Rafael High School on April 3.

Four "I" (superior) ratings were received by the Acalanes Band at this event, while, the Orchestra received two I's and two II's. This combined total of six I's and two II's was one of the very best attained by a school at the San Rafael festival. Out of approximately 25 schools (from five counties) which sent instrumental groups to this event, only two others earned ratings comparable to ours.

In addition to the certificate of ability usually awarded to "I" bands and orchestras, CMEA officials this year will present Acalanes with a special large engraved plaque, honoring the excellence of Mr. Elvo D'Amante's musical groups. It will soon be on display in the music room. Also, the band, by merit of gaining four superior ratings, will travel to the University of the Pacific in Stockton on the afternoon of May 8, for a "Command Performance," where they will appear along with other bands of equal quality from all over Northern California.

## FEATURE TEACHER

In honor of Acalanes' 25th year of existence, it seems only right that one of three of the original thirteen faculty members be chosen for feature teacher. Mr. Erwin Mattson has been teaching Physical Education at Acalanes for 25 years. "Mat," as he is sometimes called, seems to like teaching here, for he has never missed a day of teaching in his career at Acalanes. During Mat's long career at Acalanes, he has seen many changes in this area. When asked what was the biggest change he has noticed, his answer was, "When I came to this area there were only four hundred students, now there are five high schools and over seven thousand students."

Mr. Mattson's school life seems to be very exciting. When Mat attended Mt. Diablo High School, he was very active in sports. He lettered in football, track, baseball, and basketball. When he attended college he wrestled. Mat proved to be a great wrestler by being the Pacific Coast Champion three years in a row. In 1928 he was a participant in the Far West Olympics of that year. In Mat's wrestling career he never lost a major

match.

Mr. Mattson's private life is highlighted by interesting hobbies. For twenty years Mat has been a photographer, and, is very good at it. His interest in photography originated in the Navy. Mat gardens around his home when he has time for it. Mat also has written a book, **Pig Aris-**



**ocracy**. It is a story about cannibals in the South Pacific. He did the photography for a book entitled, **Intercollegiate Wrestling**.

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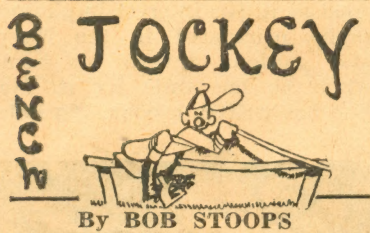
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# SPRING SPORTS LACK DEPTH, EXPERIENCE



By BOB STOOPS

Now that spring sports have finally gotten underway several obvious trends can be seen materializing in the individual games.

In tennis, it is quite apparent that we will once again take second place in the F.A.L. competition. It seems a pity that we must once again finish second to the Miramonte Matadors. This tradition has existed ever since the "Mats" entered league competition. However, after this year, Acalanes should finish first for at least two consecutive years for our number one and two men on the team are sophomores and much of the strength of this year's club lies in the underclassmen.

Our golf team this spring boasts an undefeated record which, with a few good breaks, should continue on to a league championship. Golfers Dave Shank, Dick Lee, Rick Cartmill, Jim Clapp, and John Mount are perhaps the finest group of golfers ever to be assembled at Acalanes.

The Don baseball team, lacking experience and depth, have so far this year compiled a 1 and 4 record in league play. Most of the Dons' troubles lie in the area of experience. Presently on the ball club there are only two seniors, Dale Speyer and Jack Jay. However, with the experience that the freshmen and sophomores are receiving now, we should dominate the league in future years.

It is apparent that our track team lacks depth and victories after the first few meets. However, the "B" track team should take a first in league competition for the first time in at least a half-dozen years.

The Acalanes mermen are just beginning league action and have hopes for a first division finish. However, the competition this year is tremendous and the Dons will have their work cut out for them. Already, the swim team has dropped meets to San Leandro and Berkeley, two top teams, but both scores were close and we should do better against F.A.L. teams.



## VARSITY TRACK FACES LONG SEASON; 'B's' SHOULD LEAD THE LEAGUE

The Acalanes varsity track team started off their season with a meet against an exceptionally strong El Cerrito team. The outcome wasn't very good for our Dons, but it was expected. The varsity and the junior varsity both lost, but the coaches felt that they could determine the outcome of our season by the individual results from the meet.

The varsity squad will have their work cut out for them this year because they lack the depth they need to compete with other schools. Frank Cunningham, Bob Eames, Ron Elliott and Bob Riner give the varsity squad help in maintaining a position in the league standings.

The junior varsity squad will find themselves on top of the league for the first time in many years. Last year the team was second in league and this year the possibility of first in the league is strengthened by the fact that the squad is almost the same as last year, with only a few athletes moving up to varsity.

The "B's" defeated Piedmont for the first time in six years and have lost only one meet, to

El Cerrito. The "B" team is constantly breaking meet and school records. The squad is strong in many events. In the sprints, Dick Clarkson, Ken Kaplan and Randy Knudsen usually either sweep the events or one of them places first. Dick Clarkson has come within one-tenth of a second of breaking the school record in the 75-yard dash of 8.0 sec. Dan Jones and Mark Burroughs have the 120 yr. low hurdles under control and Mike Pickett and John Larson are consistent in winning the 660-yd. run. Tom Griffith and Jim Smith take care of the 70 high hurdles. Jim also is undefeated in the high jump. Bruce Hamaker was put out early in the season due to an attack of appendicitis. Bruce was a fine pole vaulter who was a great asset to the team. Dave Elliott, Bob Mayfield and John Nunan are our best long distance runners.

The "B's" have good depth as well as outstanding runners which will help them in attempting to take the championship.

Good luck to both "A" and "B" teams and the coaches, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Warren.

## DON 9 LOOK TO FUTURE

With three returning lettermen, one senior, and many underclassmen, the Don baseball team looks toward this season with great optimism. So far this year they have a 1-4 league record and a 2-6 overall record.

In their first league game, the Dons bowed to the Del Valle Trojans 6-3. All three of the Don runs came in the seventh inning. Jack Jay was the top Don hitter with two for four, with a single and a double.

Campolindo got three runs in the bottom of the last inning to squeak past our Dons 3-2. This was the first time that Campolindo has ever beaten Acalanes in a varsity event. Acalanes earned it two runs in the third inning when Jim Stevens walked, Tom Kosach sacrificed, and then Jim Tucker hit a single, stole third, and came home on a catching error.

The mighty Dons won their

first league game against Piedmont with the score of 4-3. Four Don players, Tom Kosach, Gary Shaw, Dale Speyer, and Jim Tucker, had two hits each. Shaw was the outstanding player of the game. He hit two triples, drove in three runs, and scored a fourth run.

Las Lomas really gave our Dons a beating in league play. They scored eleven runs to our four. We jumped off to an early start when leadoff batter Jim Stevens gained first on an error and then was driven in by Dale Speyer's homerun. Acalanes held the lead until the fourth inning when Las Lomas got three runs in the fifth, the Knights batted around and scored seven runs.

In their most recent game, between cloudbursts, our Dons were edged out by the Miramonte Matadors, 4-3. Mercier, Shaw, Speyer and Suprizio put forth fine performances, but to no avail.

## BOROWIAK, GOGGIN WIN TOURNEY

Already this spring, members of the Don tennis team have excelled in tournaments held in this area. Jeff Borowiak, presently playing number one on the team, recently won a tournament, (16 age group) at the Diablo Country Club by defeating Rick Goggin, who was playing number two for Acalanes, in the finals. They then teamed up to take the 16 age group in doubles. These victories were certainly well deserved for excellent state-

ranked players also were entered. Being held concurrently at the Orinda Country Club was another tennis tourney—this one for non-ranked players. Morton Hjorksvang, now playing second doubles, reached the semi-finals in the 16 and under group at this tourney. Jeff Jaques, now at the number four spot at Acalanes, teamed up with a Miramonte partner and won the doubles crown at this same tournament.

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